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SUBJECT: ITU: ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, SECOND WEEK,

MAY 22-26

1. SUMMARY: MEETING PICKED UP SPEED IN SECOND WEEK WITH CONSIDERATION OF SEVERAL CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES; MODIFICATION OF UK PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL MOBILE CONFERENCE; BUDGET AND ANALYTICAL COST ACCOUNTING; DECISION ON DATE FOR NEXT PLENIPOT; AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROPOSAL ADVANCED BY AFRICAN CAUCUS AND SHARED PRIVATELY WITH U.S. COUNCILLOR PRIOR TO DECISION BY AFRICAN DELS ON WHETHER TO DISTRIBUTE PROPOSED MORE WIDELY. GENERAL BELIEF AMONG DELS IS THAT THIS SESSION HAS BEEN LESS CONTROVERSIAL THAN OTHERS IN RECENT YEARS AND RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN MADE BY CHAIRMAN (VENHAUS, FRG) BASED ON THAT CONFERENCE END ON THURSDAY, JUNE 1, ONE DAY EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED. INTEREST IN ENDING SESSION EARLY IS ALSO INFLUENCED BY FACT THAT SEVERAL DELS AT THIS SESSION, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN, MUST LEAVE FOR CCIR PLENARY IN KYOTO NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY

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2. GENERAL MOBILE CONFERENCE: UK INITIATIVE HAS NOT REACHED CONSENSUS. ON MAY 25, BAPTISTE INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH HE HAD SHOWN USDEL IN ADVANCE TO WHICH WE HAD NO OBJECTION. AT PLENARY, HE MADE NUMEROUS CHANGES IN HIS OWN TEXT, LEADING US AND OTHERS TO ASK FOR CIRCULATION OF A FRESH TEXT WHICH IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK. ORIGINAL DRAFT SAID IN EFFECT THAT SOME COUNTRIES WANTED GENERAL MOBILE

CONFERENCE AND OTHERS FELT DIFFERENTLY.

3. DATE FOR PLENIPOT: AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BY ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO HOLD NEXT PLENIPOT IN PERIOD OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1982, ASSUMING BROADCAST SATELLITE REGION TWO CONFERENCE POSTPONED TO EARLY 1983. SEPARATE CABLE FOLLOWON IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DECISION BY SYG.

4. AFRICAN INITIATIVES ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION: EL AOUD (MOROCCO) HANDED USDEL A DRAFT PROPOSAL PREPARED IN AFRICAN CAUCUS LED BY JIPGUEP (CAMEROON) WHICH REFLECTS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' DISSATISFACTION WITH RESTRICTING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO UNDP AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION IN ITU. SEPARATE CABLE FOLLOWS, ELABORATING ON AFRICAN COUNTRIES DRAFT RESOLUTION; MORE DETAILED UPDATE APPEARS IN SUMMARY ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE 3.

5. COMMITTEE 1 (FINANCE):

A. COMMITTEE REACTED WITH CONCERN OVER EXTENT OF POST RECLASSIFICATIONS RECOMMENDED BY S. POST CLASSIFICATION EXPERT WEINSTEIN (APPROXIMATELY 200 POSITIONS UPGRADED IN 1977. EIGHTY OUT OF 162 ON REVIEW UPGRADED IN 1978). WEINSTEIN EXPLAINED THAT UPGRADINGS WERE RECOMMENDED TO BRING ITU INTO LINE WITH OTHER UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. RECLASSIFICATIONS SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED WITH QUALIFICATION THAT WEINSTEIN SURVEY BE TERMINATED.
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B. CAUNCMG AGREED WA RAISE ANNUAL SUBSIDY TO PROVIDENT FUND (600 PERSONS WHO RETIRED BEFORE 1959) TO 350,000 SWISS FRANCS WITH REVIEW AFTER 1979 ACTURIAL REPORT.

C. SECRETARIAT ISSUED WACUEUNTAN ANALMWICG CAY#ACCOUNTING GIVING BREAK-DOWN BUMON THAT CONTAINED INBUDGET. COUNCIL AGREED TO SEND DOCUMENT TO ADMINISTRATION FOR FURTHER STUDY.

6 CAEMIWWEE -TECHNICAL COOPERATION: MC DISCUSSION ON TECHNICAL COAUWIOCAN REGIONAL EXPERTS, JIPGUEP (CAMEROON) INTRODUCED IDEA OF ESTABLISHING AN INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN GENERAL. FOLLOWING US-INDIA CAUCUS, AN INTERVENTION WAS MADE BY INDIAN DELEGATE, SRIRANGAN, REFLECTING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AFRICAN AND SOME ASIAN COUNTRIES, TAKING ISSUE WITH TIMING SUGGESTED BY JIPGUEP. INDIAN DEL, WHO HAS BEEN OUTSTANDINGLY PRECISE, ARTICULATE AND MODERATE, PROPOSED COMPROMISE OF ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP AFTER RECEIVING COMPREHENSIVE PAT ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION BY SECRETARIAT AT 1979 COUNCIL MEETING. UNDER THIS PLAN, TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE DEVELOPED NEXT

YEAR, WITH GROUP MEETING DURING EARLY PART OF NEXT ADMIN
COUNCIL SESSION AND TO RESUME MEETING DURING WARC 1979.
INTERESTED DELEGATIONS ARE ATTEMPTING DEVELOP
CONSENSUS FOR SUBMISSION NEXT SESSION OF COMMITTEE 3 LATER
THIS WEEK.

7. IFRB - DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON USE OF COMPUTER FOR IFRB
ACTIVITIES, WITH UK AND U.S. PUSHING FOR THOROUGH STUDY
AND DEVELOPMENT OF OVERALL SYSTEM BEGINNING SOON AFTER
1979 WARC. IFRB REPORT ON "AN OVERALL COMPUTER SYSTEM OF
FREQUENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE IFRB" WAS CIRCULATED AS
DOCUMENT NO. 5247, WHICH WILL COME UP FOR DISCUSSION IN

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IFRB INITIATIVE, BUT U.S., AND DOUBTLESS UK, WILL WISH
QUESTION AT LEAST TWO LINES TAKEN IN DOCUMENT: PROPOSED
TIMETABLE CALLING FOR WORK TO BEGIN BEFORE 1979 WARC AND
INTENTION OF BOARD TO PROCEED WITH IMPROVEMENTS IN PRESENT
COMPUTER SYSTEM. VANDEN HEUVEL

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